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Nicholas Martin

APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application
by email to district.applications@austintexas.gov
by mail or in person to:
Office of the City Auditor
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130
Austin, TX 78701

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*Application Period:
January 18, 2013
through
February 22, 2013*

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**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER
AT WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE**

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or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

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Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013

DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission duties include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member terms of service include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
 - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
 - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
 - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
 - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Martin Nicholas Louis
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1133091807

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

2116 Nobleman Drive Austin TX 78754
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-633-4685

Contact Email Address: nlmartin@gmail.com

Spouse's Name: Martin Wendy
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did you or your spouse:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- **Ethnicity:** caucasian
- **Race:** Irish/German/mutt
- **Gender:** ☒ Male ☐ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**

☐ 18 to 24
☐ 25 to 34
☒ 35 to 44
☐ 45 to 54
☐ 55 to 64
☐ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**
 - ☒ High School Diploma or GED
 - ☐ Some College (major _____)
 - ☐ Associate's Degree (major _____)
 - ☒ Bachelor's Degree (major English and Latin)
 - ☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject M.A., Latin and Greek)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

As both a public high school Latin teacher and soccer coach, it is my job to constantly analyze how my students are performing, whether it be in the classroom or on the field. As a language teacher, when grading tests, I break sentences down into individual chunks. Patterns of mistakes or mastery then leap out. With that data, I then can tailor my classroom instructions towards fixing common mistakes or making sure mastery is continued.

As a soccer coach, data are found differently. I rely less on super-specific stats (e.g., positive touches vs. negative, etc.) and more on broad trends. On the sideline, a coach must be able to see patterns of play, make quick decisions on fixing problems (or attacking other teams' weaknesses). Patterns can and must be found. To have the backing of your athletes, a coach must be able to see these trends and make the correct adjustments.

Whether it be inside or outside, my life relies upon data. I must be able to analyze whatever is presented to me and then act in a way that supports whatever I might be doing at the time.

On a side note, when studying for my G.R.E., logic puzzles were my strongest suit and, not surprisingly, my favorite to study.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

As I said in the previous question, I am a public high school teacher. It is my job to be as impartial as I possibly can. There are two moments that guide me in this. The first was an English professor I had while studying at U.T.. He was telling us one day during class that, despite what he thought about anyone as a person, he would grade all fairly. In fact, he said that on one occasion, he shouted out after having calculated final grades, "Damn, so-and-so got an 'A.'" He did not like this student. In fact, he wanted him to do quite poorly in his class. Nevertheless, he earned a good grade and was given it. This throw-away statement has stayed with me. I hand out grades on performance, not on personalities. This probably sounds like an obvious statement, but unless you have actually been in a school classroom you might not understand how much personalities can affect your judgement.

The second moment was spoken by my parish priest. He was talking about treating others' well. Pretty stock sermon, truth be told. But, as he was speaking, I began thinking about my students. It is so easy to go with the flow. Peer pressure might be a punch line to some, but it is truth in high school. I've since tried to always say a friendly word to those who are on the lower end of the hip and cool spectrum. I even tell my student teachers to always say a friendly word to them because that might be the only bit of kindness they encounter all day.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

Two ways:

1. My job as teacher at McCallum affords me a unique view of Austin. Unlike every other high school campus in town, ours pulls from old Austin (Hyde Park), wealthy suburb (Highland Hills neighborhood) and poor neighborhoods(12th and Chicon). Our students are perfectly representative of the city as a whole, both demographically and economically. As such, I hear on a daily basis what is most important to people and their families.

2. My daily life reflects our city as well. I live on a short street. 5 houses on my side. My family is white. As you go down the street, this is the breakdown: filipinos, Vietnamese, and Mexican. We all get along and look out for each other. Good people are good people. Simple as that.

Having said this, I do have a fear. In the interest of achieving whatever someone or some group feels is equitable, a massive gerrymandering effort will commence to the detriment of the process and the city as a whole. I would like to see sensible and rational lines drawn, not lines that go down one street for a mile just to capture a neighborhood deemed worthy for that district. Rather, we must be dispassionate when lines are drawn. We must be able to, after the process is complete, look at the map and say, "That makes sense." We must remember that this process was initiated by a group touting "geographic representation."

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Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

This is an immense moment the city is entering. Moving away from a totally at-large system to a regional system of representation is no small change. I feel that the upcoming months will no doubt be a bit messy, egos will be bruised and there will be many who say that whatever is decided upon will be the wrong course. That said, the citizenry can not shy away. This is the time that shows what democracy itself means: the people must come forward and do what is right for the city. I simply hope that I will be chosen as one who helps the city.

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DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

Nicholas Martin

Signature of Applicant

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

1/20/2013

Date

GLOSSARY

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
 - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
 - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
 - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member’s duties or to the council member’s service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member’s required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
 - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
 - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

